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SUBJECT: CDC NUTRITION SURVEY: AID/W VIEWS AND CDC COMMENTS

REFS: (A) NIAMEY 269 (B) STATE 267846 (C) STATE 25050 OF
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1. APPRECIATE REFTTEL (A) INDICATION MOH NOT OPPOSED IMPLEMENTATION SURVEY AND GRATEFUL FOR MOH VIEWS/COMMENTS ON CURRENT SURVEYS AS WELL FUTURE PLANS. REQUEST ADO APPROACH MOH FOR FURTHER CLARIFICATION ON POINTS RAISED AS WELL TO OBTAIN OFFICIAL CLEARANCE FOR SURVEY CONDUCT. WOULD PREFER INITIATION SURVEY AT SOONEST POSSIBLE DATE IN ORDER TAKE ADVANTAGE OPTIMAL NUTRITIONAL PATTERN,
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OR AT LEAST BY MAY/JUNE TO AVOID HEAVY RAINY SEASON AND

PROVIDE LINEAR DATA FOR DIRECT COMPARABILITY 1974 SURVEY FINDINGS. (SEE PARA 5 BELOW).

2. FOLLOWING VIEWS/COMMENT AID/W AND CDC INTENDED ASSIST ADO IN SUCH DISCUSSIONS MOH.

3. IN REGARD GENERAL MOH VIEWS OF CURRENT SURVEYS, WOULD CONCUR THAT 1974 SURVEY TIMING NOT OPTIMAL AND WOULD HOPE TO SIGNIFICANTLY REDUCE TIME LAG BETWEEN SURVEY COMPLETION

AND FINAL REPORT. HOWEVER, NOTE REFTEL SUGGESTS SOME LINGERING MISUNDERSTANDING BY MOH OF INTENT AND USEFULNESS OF DATA WHICH HOPE CAN BE CLARIFIED. SURVEYS DESIGNED PRINCIPALLY PROVIDE VALID DATA FOR SUPPORT MOH/GON PLANNING RESPONSE TO HEALTH/NUTRITION/DISEASE CONTROL REQUIREMENTS IN RURAL AREAS. WOULD ASSUME THEREFORE MOH REQUEST FOR RECOMMENDATIONS/WORKPLAN IMPLEMENTATION AS ADDENDUM SURVEY REPORTS RELATES TO SEPARATE CONSIDERATION, E.G., MOH DESIRES INSTITUTIONALIZE NUTRITIONAL SURVEY METHODS/TECHNIQUES AND NOT REPEAT NOT GON APPLICATION OF DATA, WHICH IS HOST GOVERNMENT PREROGATIVE. CDC WILLING ASSIST MOH WITH SUCH INSTITUTIONALIZATION PLANS. CDC HAS BEEN INVITED ATTEND APRIL LICROSS SEMINAR AND SUGGEST THEIR REPRESENTATIVE ROBERT HOGAN CONSULT WITH MOH AT THAT TIME. PLEASE ADVISE.

4. IN RESPONSE MOH RECOMMENDATIONS PER PARA 5 REFTEL (A) FOR UPCOMING SURVEY, FOLLOWING REPRESENTS AID/W AND CDC VIEWS:

(A) PROPOSAL AND WORK SCOPE FOR SURVEY SERIES BEGUN 1974 REMAIN ESSENTIALLY AS DESCRIBED REFTELS (B) AND (C). E.G. MULTI-PHASE SURVEYS IN AREAS MOST-AFFECTED BY DROUGHT CONDUCTED TO COVER FULL SEASONAL CYCLE PROVIDING POSSIBILITIES LEADING TO INSTITUTIONALIZATION NUTRITIONAL SURVEILLANCE ON COUNTRY-WIDE BASIS. WITH EQUIPMENT, REPORTS, LOCAL TECHNICIANS ON HAND WITH FIELD EXPERIENCE, HOST GOVERNMENT MAY USE DATA IN IMMEDIATE PLANNING. HOWEVER, LONGER-RANGE VIEW IS TO PROVIDE BASELINE DATA AND METHODOLOGY USEFUL FOR STRENGTHENING HEALTH DELIVERY SYSTEMS.

(B) PART ONE. REPORT OF 1974 FINDINGS PROVIDED BY CDC
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INVESTIGATOR PRIOR DEPARTURE NIGER NECESSARILY LIMITED TO DATA MINUS VERIFICATION BY COMPUTER AND ANALYSES PERFORMED AT ATLANTA, ALSO NOT IN FRENCH. APPRECIATE ADO SERVICES IN LATTER REGARD, AND WISH EMPHASIZE HAVE NO OBJECTION PROVIDING PRELIMINARY DATA FROM SURVEYS TO WHOMEVER MOH DESIRES. WOULD ASSUME SAME DISTRIBUTION OF FINAL REPORT. PART TWO. REGARDING MOH APPROVAL PRIOR PUBLICATION FINAL SURVEY REPORT, ASSUME INTEGRITY OF REPORT NOT IN

QUESTION AS DATA AND ANALYSES OBJECTIVELY AND SCIENTIFICALLY ARRIVED AT. HAVE NO REAL OBJECTION TO SUCH AUTHORIZATION, BUT WOULD ASSUME TIME/COST FACTORS WOULD FURTHER DELAY PROCESS AND THAT MOH MIGHT CONSIDER ADVANTAGE OF UTILIZING U.S. RESOURCES TO EXTENT POSSIBLE FOR MAJOR TASK OF WORKING RAW DATA INTO ANALYSES, PREPARING AND TRANSLATING REPORT. MIGHT SUGGEST MOH DISTRIBUTE FINAL REPORT UNDER LETTER AUTHORIZATION, AT MINIMAL GON EXPENSE. WOULD ALSO SUGGEST THAT LOCAL ANALYSIS/PREPARATION OF DATA WITHIN SCOPE OF FUTURE INSTITUTIONALIZATION PLANS MIGHT BE

PURSUED IN DISCUSSIONS WITH HOGAN IN APRIL, AS NOTED ABOVE IN REGARD CURRENT SURVEY CYCLE. PLEASE ASSURE MOH THAT EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO PRODUCE FINAL REPORT IN SHORTER TIME PERIOD.

(C) DELIGHTED MOH APPARENT DESIRE INSTITUTIONALIZATION OF NUTRITIONAL SURVEILLANCE AND WOULD HOPE MOH CONSIDERING IDENTIFICATION PERTINENT PERSONNEL FOR PRACTICAL FIELD EXPERIENCE WITH UPCOMING SURVEY. AS NOTED REFTEL (B) PARA 5, HOWEVER, A REFINED OPTIMAL ACTIVITY OF TRAINING IS BEYOND SURVEY NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION AND NEED NOT BE PERFORMED IN CURRENT SURVEY CONTEXT. SINCE PEACE CORPS PHYSICIAN WHITE NOT AVAILABLE, TDY EPIDEMIOLOGIST FROM CDC CAN ASSIST IN DIRECTING SURVEY ACTIVITIES. A FEW OTHER PERSONNEL WILL BE NEEDED TO ASSIST AND IF POSSIBLE, PERSONNEL TO FORM SECOND TEAM WOULD BE USEFUL TO REDUCE TIME REQUIRED TO COMPLETE SURVEY.

5. AS NOTED ABOVE, WOULD APPEAR UPCOMING SURVEY TIMING AS SUGGESTED REFTEL WOULD MEAN CONDUCTING SURVEY DURING RAINY SEASON OR JUST PRIOR HARVEST. NEITHER TIME OF ADVANTAGE IN FULFILLING DESIRE PROVIDE COMPARABILITY AND PERMIT RELIABLE ESTIMATES OF CHANGES IN NUTRITIONAL
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STATUS, WHICH OBJECTIVE BUILT INTO MULTI-PHASE PROJECT. IF SURVEY CONDUCTED SOONEST POSSIBLE DATE, MAY HAVE PRELIMINARY FINDINGS FOR MOH USE AT UPCOMING SEMINARS, WHICH WOULD SEEM ADVANTAGEOUS. FYI: MALI/MAURITANIA SURVEYS GOING WELL AND COMPARABILITY DATA EXPECTED TO BE PRESENTED AT APRIL SEMINAR. END FYI.

6. REQUEST ADO ADVISE IF ADDITIONAL INPUT NEEDED FROM HERE IN ORDER SATISFY MOH CONCERNS. IF SEEMS DESIRABLE, CDC WILL REQUEST AREA REPRESENTATIVE JOIN ADO IN APPROACH MOH PER PARA 2 ABOVE. INGERSOLL

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